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Cc: Thomas, Deb[thomas.debrah@epa.gov]; Buhl, Rick[Buhl.Rick@epa.gov]
From: Card, Joan
Sent: Mon 9/28/2015 6:29:26 PM
Subject: RE: GKM and shutdown question

See yellow.

From: Kortuem, Patrice
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 12:02 PM
To: Card, Joan; McGrath, Shaun
Cc: Thomas, Deb; Buhl, Rick
Subject: FW: GKM and shutdown question

Joan,

I have spoken to Martin Hestmark and David Ostrander regarding activities that would occur at the Gold King Mine response in the event of a lapse in appropriations. They have provided me with the below information. I worked with the Incident Command Post to obtain the names of people that would be supporting this work. I have not entered Hayes Griswold or Steve Way on the response excepted list as they are listed in Section I of the spreadsheet. I have contacted other Regions with personnel listed to inform them that Region 8 would be submitting names of their employees.

Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you,

Patrice

Those employees working during a lapse in appropriations on the Gold King Mine would continue sampling the river and sediments, work on stabilizing the mine adit entry, operate the treatment ponds at Gladstone, prepare for the construction of the water treatment facility, and oversee installation of the conveyance pipe from the mine site to Gladstone. They would interface with La Plata and San Juan counties, Durango and Silverton, New Mexico, Colorado, Utah, Southern Ute tribe, Ute Mountain Ute tribe and the Navajo Nation. They would also coordinate with local jurisdictions and communities regarding their needs. They are also reviewing commentary on the long-term watershed monitoring plan.

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From: McGrath, Shaun
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 9:18 AM
To: Kortuem, Patrice; Buhl, Rick
Subject: FW: GKM and shutdown question

Do we have the detail that Melissa is looking for GKM excepted work?

From: Meiburg, Stan
Sent: Monday, September 28, 2015 10:42 AM
To: Harrison, Melissa
Cc: Bloom, David; Showman, John; Breen, Barry; Stanislaus, Mathy; Cheatham, Reggie; Garvin, Shawn; Brooks, Karl
Subject: Re: GKM and shutdown question

Good point, Melissa. Looping in several others. Contracts will be involved as well.

Shaun, how did Region 8 handle the excepted employees regarding this site?

Stan

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 28, 2015, at 9:31 AM, Harrison, Melissa <Harrison.Melissa@epa.gov> wrote:

Good morning! In preparation for an internal 3pm call today, I would like to give a quick update on planning discussions around a possible government shutdown and our operations at the Gold King Mine. I've reviewed the contingency plan, but didn't see specifics outlined. Any details you can share would be extremely helpful since I've received a few questions from staff as to how we will plan comms around this scenario. Thanks! Melissa

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